



WASCO COUNTY COURT
REGULAR SESSION
DECEMBER 16, 2009

PRESENT: Dan Ericksen, County Judge
Sherry Holliday, County Commissioner
Bill Lennox, County Commissioner
Kathy McBride, Executive Assistant

At 9:03 a.m. County Judge Dan Ericksen made his last entrance into the Courtroom wearing a Judge's robe in observance that this would be the last Regular Session Meeting as County Judge of Wasco County. The County Judge's Position is being abolished as of January 4, 2010. The County Court will become a Board of County Commissioners.

Judge Ericksen called the meeting to order.

Judge Ericksen read out a loud a proposed Proclamation (Attached as Exhibit A) proclaiming December 16, 2009, as the Final Regular Session of the Wasco County Court.

Judge Ericksen asked that the County Court amend the Court's Agenda to read Final Regular Session of the Wasco County Court.

{{{Commissioner Holliday moved to amend the Wasco County Court Agenda of December 16, 2009, to read "Final Regular Session". Commissioner Lennox seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}

Judge Ericksen announced that the Court will be having cake at 2 p.m. today to celebrate this historical event.

At 9:08 a.m. the Court recessed for photos to be taken of the County Court and the newly appointed Wasco County Administrative Officer Tyler Stone.

At 9:11 a.m. the Court reconvened.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

Jim Slusher and Angie Prasch, Mid-Columbia Community Action Council, met with the Court regarding the approval of a proposed Proclamation (Attached as Exhibit B) proclaiming December 21, 2009, as Homeless Persons Memorial Day. Slusher informed the Court that December 21, 2009, is the first night of winter and is the longest night of the year. It is a pretty long night for homeless individuals.

Prasch stated that Mid-Columbia Community Action is holding a candlelight vigil on December 21, 2009 at 5:15 p.m. on the courthouse stairs.

{{{Commissioner Holliday moved to adopt the Proclamation proclaiming December 21, 2009 as Homeless Persons Memorial Day. Commissioner Lennox seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}

At this time Judge Ericksen read the Proclamation out loud. He then asked for a moment of silence.

Slusher stated that this observance is happening nationwide. He has asked that the counties and cities that they serve adopt the Proclamation. Mid-Columbia Community Action Council has seen an increase in the number of people seeking assistance.

The Court recessed at 9:18 a.m.

The Court reconvened at 9:31 a.m.

OPEN TO DEPARTMENTS

Tyler Stone, Wasco County Employee & Administrative Services Director, informed the Court that the Finance Office is in need of immediate help. The County has secured a Jobs Plus person from the Mid-Columbia Council of Governments to help the office keep up on filing and other duties. The dollars spent on the temp will be reimbursed through the Jobs Plus Stimulus dollars. When the County gets into the fourth month we take on some of the costs. Stone stated that Monica Morris, Finance Manager, is busy getting ready for the upcoming budget process.

Commissioner Lennox stated that he hopes that Morris will use the past knowledge of other County employees to help her get through the budget process.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL of the Regular Session Consent Calendars of December 16, 2009, (Attached as Exhibit C).

{{{Commissioner Lennox moved to approve the Regular Session Consent Calendar #1 of December 16, 2009, as presented. Commissioner Holliday seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}

{{{Commissioner Lennox moved to approve the Regular Session Consent Calendar #2 of December 16, 2009, as presented. Judge Ericksen seconded the motion; it was then passed by a vote of two to zero. Judge Ericksen and Commissioner Lennox voted yes, while Commissioner Holliday abstained from voting.}}}

INSPECTION of County owned property described as Township 1 North, Range 13 East, Section 3CA, Tax Lot 3000.

The Court decided to hold off on inspecting the County owned property located on East Fifth Street due to icy conditions. Jay LeRoux has requested the Court's consideration of granting an easement across the County's property in order to allow access to his home. The Court will inspect the property during an upcoming meeting.

Some discussion occurred.

CONSIDERATION of items listed on the Discussion List of December 16, 2009, (Attached as Exhibit D).

Item #5 – The Court acknowledged that a vacancy exists on the Wasco County Commission on Children and Families as to the Youth Action Council Position #1 formerly held by Lance McDowell. The Court declared that the position is vacant.

Stone stated that the Wasco County Wage and Classification Committee are recommending that the Child Support Specialist Position in the District Attorney Office be filled. He noted that the Wamic Road Tech II Position needs to be filled as well.

Item #3 – The Court discussed the Continuity of Operations Planning Policy. Commissioner Lennox noted that the Office of the County Court needs to prepare a policy for their Department. Each County Department is required to complete a policy for their office.

Discussion occurred.

Stone stated that Mike Davidson, Emergency Services Manager, needs to develop a policy to address what the County would do in the case of an event.

Judge Ericksen stated that the County needs to adopt a policy to designate who is in charge of the governance of the County in times of emergencies.

Stone stated that we need to pull together who will be in charge of each Department in cases of emergencies.

Commissioner Holliday stated that there was some misunderstanding on how much work would be involved. We talked about developing a form for use by County Departments.

Stone stated that there are a lot of questions on the form that require some decisions above the Department level. He is suggesting that Davidson be directed to put together a packet that we can look at.

Further discussion occurred in regards to the Continuity of Operations Planning Policy, the alarm system in the County Courthouse and an evacuation plan.

Other Business:

{{{Commissioner Holliday moved to approve the Wasco County Wage and Classification Committee's recommendation to refill the Child Support Enforcement Specialist Position in the District Attorney's Office. Commissioner Lennox seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}

APPROVAL of an Enforcement Action by the Wasco County Hearing Officers.

Keith Cleveland, Wasco County Code Compliance Officer, met with the Court regarding the approval of an enforcement action by the Wasco County Hearing Officers.

Judge Ericksen noted that this matter was put off to insure that notification was made to the property owner of the proposed enforcement action.

Cleveland provided the Court with background information (Attached as Exhibit E) as to the land use violation on property owned by Robert R. Bryce Jr. and Terrie Bryce and what Cleveland has done in regards to the violation complaint. Cleveland stated if the property owner does not remove the illegal structures fines will be incurred and a lien will be filed. There are three RVs, two manufacture structures and a shed on the property.

Some discussion occurred.

Cleveland reviewed with the Court the proposed Order of the Wasco County Hearing Officers and the Notice of Violation.

Commissioner Lennox moved to approve Hearings Officer Order #09-220. Commissioner Holliday seconded the motion.

Some discussion occurred regarding the cost to file Notices of Violation and property liens.

Judge Ericksen stated that the County can waive our portion of the fee but the state's portion would need to be paid. The County could charge the property owner for our costs. We need to budget for that expense. He would like the County to pay for the entire fee so that the fee could be recovered from the property owner.

The vote was called for. The motion passed unanimously.}}

Cleveland presented to the Court a handout entitled Sending Notice of Hearings Officer Review, (Attached as Exhibit F).

Cleveland went over the handout at this time. He is recommending Option #3. He stated that the property owner had four different times to appeal; three in writing and once on the phone.

Some discussion occurred.

The Court felt that the meeting when the Hearing Officers are considering the approval of an Enforcement Order that no testimony would be taken. It would only be for a presentation from the Code Compliance Officer.

Commissioner Lennox felt that County Counsel should have an opportunity to comment on this matter.

Cleveland commented on a compromise under Option #2. He suggested that language be added to the notice indicating that the location and date would be given upon receiving a request. Language would be added to the last notice provided to the property owner; no separate notice would be mailed.

Further discussion occurred.

The Court was agreeable to Option #2.

Cleveland will write up the change and highlight the language. Legal Counsel will be allowed to review what is being recommended by the County Court.

DISCUSSION on establishing a payment plan for Land Use Application Fees.

Todd Cornett, Wasco County Planning & Development Director, Keith Cleveland, Wasco County Code Compliance Officer, Monica Morris, Wasco County Finance Manager, and Tyler Stone, Wasco County Employee & Administrative Services Director, were present to discuss the issue of establishing a payment plan for Land Use Application Fees.

Cornett stated that the County received a request from a property owner who is going through the enforcement process for an illegal dwelling. The property owner is willing to pay the cost of the land use fee but he has no ability to pay the fee all at once. The property owner requested that he be allowed to pay the fee over time. The Court agreed to discuss establishing a payment plan.

Judge Ericksen stated that Morris suggested to him that the Court not establish a payment plan but instead get the credit card capability in place. Morris is anxious for the County to move forward with allowing the use of credit cards.

Cornett stated that his Department gets that request all the time. He supports the use of credit cards. Cornett stated that collecting the money under a payment plan creates a lot of issues with his office and the Finance Office.

Cornett went over the alternative paragraph in his handout (Attached as Exhibit G).

Discussion occurred.

Morris stated that there is no accountability on the County's behalf with a payment plan. The County cannot mandate the payment; there are interest and legal questions. There may also be some fair credit act responsibilities with installment credits. The County would be banking for someone. She feels it is a liability issue that we would be opening ourselves up to.

Commissioner Holliday stated that this goes back to her concern that there are some that may be living in these illegal homes because they have no other home.

Cornett stated that there may be some dwellings that will never be permitted. He does not feel we should go there. He wants to focus on the ones that the Department feels could be permitted.

Cleveland stated that the County has a set procedure for those that are living there because they do not have any other home.

A lengthy discussion occurred regarding an alternative process to allow a property owner under enforcement to pay the required land use fee over time and the use of credit cards.

Judge Ericksen requested that Morris research establishing the use of credit cards in Wasco County and that Cornett solicit input from Departments on how they could use credit cards within their own Department.

The Court is willing to give the Planning & Development Department discretion to determine a reasonable approach in working with a property owner on a case by case basis to pay the land use fee over time for an illegal use that could be approved.

The Court recessed at 11:05 a.m.

The Court reconvened at 11:17 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING on the formation of the Mosier Fire District.

Judge Ericksen called the Public Hearing to order.

There were seven people in attendance.

Judge Ericksen stated that the Court approved an Order on November 4, 2009, calling for today's Public Hearing. A notice was published. However the notice lacked the legal description of the proposed Mosier Fire District. A corrected notice will go out and today's Public Hearing will be continued until January 6, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. Testimony will be received today by the Court. The hearing will be continued, which will allow an opportunity to receive additional public testimony on January 6.

Judge Ericksen opened the hearing to public testimony.

Jim Appleton, Mosier Fire Chief, testified in favor of the proposed Mosier Fire District. He stated that ORS 199.410 addresses the policy objective. Every item in the statute addresses the reasons for the merger of the Mosier Fire Department and the Mosier Rural Fire Protection District. Appleton noted that the City of Mosier Fire Department and Mosier Rural Fire Protection District have existed separately for a long time. There have been several problems and they are trying to cure those problems by forming one District.

Appleton read a portion of ORS 199.410(3)(a) at this time. He stated that they are trying to create a better public service through more sensible boundaries. In addition they are looking for a tax rate limit that gives them the ability to have a budget that is sustainable. Appleton stated that the current tax rate of \$0.477 is not sustainable. They

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cannot continue with that crippling tax limit. Their objective is to look long and hard at not assessing the full tax limit right now; leaving it as a reserve. The rate limit of \$2.10 per \$1,000 matches Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue. They are setting up a potential merger. That is a real possibility which would require a lot of work on Mosier's part; adjusting the boundary one more time to provide better service under a potential merger.

Bill Reeves read his letter into the record at this time (Attached as Exhibit H).

Reeves stated that the City of Mosier has more equipment. The City required at one time that the pumper not be taken outside the City Limits. One District is the way to go.

Appleton stated that the tax rate quoted earlier was that of the Mosier Rural Fire Protection District. He stated that the City of Mosier levies \$1.42 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The City budgets year to year out of those funds for the Fire Department. This year the Department is receiving \$8,000.

Commissioner Holliday asked if there is a mutual aid agreement between the two agencies.

Reeves stated yes there is a mutual aid agreement between the two agencies.

Commissioner Holliday stated that she has had a conversation with Bob Palmer from Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue. People in South County have been talking about a county-wide fire district.

Commissioner Holliday asked if they will continue to have first responders and medical responders.

Appleton replied that they will. They have a target for increasing the number and level of their training. They currently have three EMTs and no first responders. They do not envision becoming a transporting agency. They need EMTs but do not need paramedics. They are located in the Hood River Ambulance Service Area.

Commissioner Holliday asked if the administration work for the District will be done out of the City's Office.

Appleton replied for the time being they would continue their relationship with the City of Mosier. The City has an office and equipment shed. They would look at building their own station and having their own facilities at some point in time. That is further down the road.

Commissioner Holliday asked who takes care of that now for the ambulance service.

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Appleton stated that they have help from the City in doing record keeping. Someone else does the record keeping for Mosier Rural Fire Protection District. They would be getting the City out of doing any record keeping or administrative work.

Allan Rodrick, President of the Mosier City Council, testified that he is filling in for Mayor Andrea Rogers. Roderick read into the record the letter from Mayor Rogers, (Attached as Exhibit I).

Rodrick went over the public notification process undertaken by the City of Mosier. They began their notification on July 8, 2009 with a notice of public meetings. That was emailed to a long list of both rural and urban property owners. It was also mailed to over 650 residents. That notice indicated that there would be meetings on July 18th and 23rd. They had this issue on the City's Agenda for September 2, 2009, September 23, 2009 and October 7, 2009. He noted where the City's Agendas are posted.

Rodrick read what was listed in the City's Monthly Newsletter. The public received adequate notice; not too many citizens attended the meetings.

Rodrick presented into the record notices that he described during his testimony (Attached as Exhibit J).

Appleton stated that there were several citizens in the City that commented that the tax rate is a pretty steep jump. He would reassure everyone that one of their goals is not to assess up to that amount. He cannot make that decision; it is an assurance that they would want to make.

Appleton stated he also heard a couple of objections in the rural area as to the tax rate. That is the substance of their comments; it comes down to their pocket book. He heard one complaining that we should redraw the boundaries to include areas within Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue. They cannot include a part of another district into their proposed boundaries.

Rodrick stated that the City had no one come forward to express an objection.

Marc Berry testified that Mosier has changed a lot. He would encourage the County to give them the right to vote on this issue.

Judge Ericksen stated that his only caution is that the \$2.10 tax rate will never be adequate once you get everything together. Your expenses will go up faster than your collection rate. It is wise to build that reserve early. Overtime you will start to dip into that reserve for operation. You will not be able to change your tax rate unless you change your structure.

Appleton stated that they initially looked at a \$1.65 tax rate as being adequate. It would not be enough for the pie in the sky. It is enough for what Mosier needs. When they get the call they need to be well equipped and well prepared. In terms of the politics, this is a one-time change. This is a permanent change that people need to understand. The tax rate will be permanent. We need to go beyond what seems reasonable today and plan for 50 years from now.

Commissioner Holliday stated that the tax rate will allow the District to do training for volunteers. It is difficult for the rural areas to get volunteers. By offering the training they may get more volunteers.

Judge Ericksen asked if there was anyone else wishing to testify either in favor or against the proposed formation of the Mosier Fire District. There was no one.

{{{Commissioner Lennox moved to continue the Public Hearing in the matter of the formation of the Mosier Fire District to January 6, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. Commissioner Holliday seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}

The Public Hearing recessed at 11:41 a.m.

The Court recessed for lunch.

At 1:32 p.m. the Court reconvened.

**PRESENTATION on Oregon and Washington Investment Boards,
presented by Amanda Remington, Mid-Columbia Economic Development
District.**

Amanda Remington, Mid-Columbia Economic Development District Executive Director, presented to the Court two handouts on the Oregon and Washington Investment Board, (Attached as Exhibit K).

Remington noted that Mark Cherniack and Joan Silver were nominated to the Oregon Investment Board by the Wasco County Court and were appointed to the Board by the Oregon State Governor. Their terms will expire on June 30, 2010. Both of them have been on the Board for two terms. The Governor has recommended that the Board Members only serve two terms.

Remington updated the Court on the activities and purpose of the Investment Boards. Remington noted that they are seeking the appropriation of additional funds which would be available for grants and loans. She is seeking a letter of support from the County Court for their request for federal appropriation.

Some discussion occurred.

{{{Commissioner Holliday moved that the County Court support the request for additional appropriation for the Oregon and Washington Investment Boards. Commissioner Lennox seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}

Other Business:

Commissioner Lennox noted that the Mid-Columbia Center for Living Board of Directors has received a letter of resignation from Sharon Guidera, Executive Director, effective May 31, 2010. Guidera gave the Board the impression that there may be someone within house who would be qualified for the Director's position.

Commissioner Lennox also noted that he heard that La Clinica did not receive that specific grant to build a new building for their program. However, they may qualify for another grant.

{{{Commissioner Lennox moved to adopt the Proclamation proclaiming December 16, 2009 as the Final Regular Session of the Wasco County Court. Commissioner Holliday seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}

The Court signed:

- Order #09-217 in the matter of the appointment of Marty Matherly to the Wasco County Wage and Classification Committee.
- Regular Session Minutes of January 7, 2009.
- Regular Session Minutes of January 21, 2009.
- Regular Session Minutes of February 4, 2009.
- Regular Session Minutes of February 18, 2009.
- Executive Session Minutes of February 18, 2009.
- Amended Regular Session Minutes of October 7, 2009.
- Public Transit Division, Oregon Department of Transportation Agreement # 26383 between the Oregon Department of Transportation and Wasco County.

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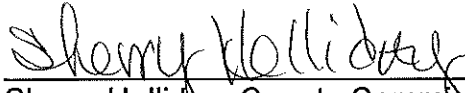
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The Court adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

WASCO COUNTY COURT



Dan Ericksen, County Judge



Sherry Holliday, County Commissioner



Bill Lennox, County Commissioner

PROCLAMATION
WASCO COUNTY, OREGON

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Whereas, Wasco County, Oregon was formed in 1854, and

Whereas, the first Board of County Commissioners of the largest County in the United States at that time began meeting that same year, and

Whereas, in 1859 Oregon attained statehood, and

Whereas, in 1859 the Wasco County Board of County Commissioners became a County Court, and

Whereas, for 150 years Wasco County has been governed by a three member County Court consisting of a County Judge and two County Commissioners, and

Whereas, the Wasco County Court began discussions on the reorganization of the structure of the governance of Wasco County, and

Whereas, the Wasco County Judge has not had judicial authority for several decades, and

Whereas, on October 21, 2009 the County Court adopted an order abolishing the office of County Judge and transferring power to a Board of County Commissioners effective January 4, 2010, and

Whereas, Wasco County has a rich and colorful history.

Now, therefore, it is hereby proclaimed: That this December 16, 2009 meeting be officially declared the Final Regular Session of the Wasco County Court, and

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It is hereby further proclaimed that the Wasco County Court
acknowledges this historical event as the end of an era.

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PROCLAMATION
COUNTY OF WASCO, OREGON

"HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL DAY
December 21, 2009

WHEREAS, every member of society, including individuals experiencing homelessness, deserves the dignity of safe, decent, accessible, and affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, winter poses extreme hardship for inadequately housed low-income men, women, and children in Wasco County; and

WHEREAS, in this season of generosity and sharing, citizens of Wasco County are encouraged to commit themselves to promoting compassion and concern for all people, especially those who are poor and homeless; and

WHEREAS, in remembering those who have died without homes, the cause of ending homelessness remains urgent to prevent such deaths in the future; and

WHEREAS, December 21 has been designated National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day by the National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Health Care for the Homeless Council and is recognized by cities nationwide.

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NOW, THEREFORE, THE WASCO COUNTY COURT hereby
proclaim December 21, 2009, as:

“Homeless Persons’ Memorial Day”

in Wasco County, in recognition of the people who have died on our streets,
in our emergency shelters, and in condemned or abandoned properties, from
ailments or conditions directly related to homelessness. We hereby ask all
citizens to take a moment of silence in remembering those who have died
homeless and encourage our citizens to support local efforts to eliminate
homelessness here.

DATED this 16th day of December, 2009.

WASCO COUNTY COURT

Dan Ericksen, County Judge

Sherry Holliday, County Commissioner

Bill Lennox, County Commissioner

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CONSENT CALENDAR #1

1. Order #09-217 in the matter of the appointment of Marty Matherly to the Wasco County Wage and Classification Committee.
2. Regular Session Minutes of January 7, 2009.
3. Regular Session Minutes of January 21, 2009.
4. Regular Session Minutes of February 18, 2009.
5. Executive Session Minutes of February 18, 2009.
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7. Public Transit Division, Oregon Department of Transportation Agreement # 26383 between the Oregon Department of Transportation and Wasco County.

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CONSENT CALENDAR #2

1. Regular Session Minutes of February 4, 2009.

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DISCUSSION LIST

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Discussion on selecting a County Project to be included on the Community Outreach Team's Project Listing.
2. Discussion on Model Executive Session News Media Attendance Policy.
3. Discussion on Draft Continuity of Operations Planning Policy.
4. Consideration of the request from Jay LeRoux for an easement or purchase of property for use as a right-of-way to his home located off of East Fifth Street.
5. Memorandum from Christa Rude, dated November 19, 2009, in regards to membership of the Wasco County Commission on Children and Families.
6. Discussion on the appointment of an individual to the Wasco County Wage and Classification Committee.
7. Consideration of amending the Administrative Officer Job Description.

ON HOLD:

1. Discussion on Amending Document Approval Policy.
2. Discussion on the establishment of an Ordinance that would allow the enforcement of the burn ban.
3. Motion to rescind the Agreement between Wasco County, Oregon, and the North Wasco County School District #21, approved on March 4, 2009.
4. Change to Fire Protection Funding enacted by the Oregon State Legislature.
5. Consideration of the request from Dan Hendrix, Shaniko Volunteer Fire Chief, regarding donation of surplus vehicle.



Wasco County Code Compliance

"Working for Our Community"

2705 East Second St., The Dalles, OR 97058
 Phone: (541) 506-2560 Fax (541) 506-2561
 Website: www.co.wasco.or.us



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April 23, 2009

Dear Robert or Terrie Bryce,

It came to our attention that there is a possible illegal dwelling and/or structure on your property off of Ketchum Rd (tax lot #1N 12E 18 1700). When I viewed your property, I saw a small mobile home and another small storage structure.

Your property is zoned "F2 Forest Zone"; generally, no dwellings or structures are allowed on your property¹. Illegal dwellings create fire hazards and sewage concerns that will affect all surrounding properties.

Before Wasco County proceeds with any official punitive action, I would like to have the opportunity to speak with you so we can discuss this issue.

If I do not hear from you by May 5th, 2009 at 4:00pm I will send out an official **Notice of Violation**.

Thank-you for your time, I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Keith
 Wasco County Code Compliance
 541-506-2560

C:
Tim R. Lynn (Assessor/Tax Collector)
John Zalaznik (Environmental Health Specialist)

¹ Wasco County LUDO SEC 3.120 Access online at: <http://co.wasco.or.us/planning/nsaordinance.html>

SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION

- Complete items 1, 2, and 3. Also complete item 4 if Restricted Delivery is desired.
- Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.
- Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.

1. Article Addressed to:



ROBERT OR TERRIE BRYCE
8031 SE MALDEN ST
PORTLAND, OR 97206

COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY

A. Signature Agent
[Handwritten Signature] Addressee

B. Received by (Printed Name) C. Date of Delivery

D. Is delivery address different from item 1? Yes
If YES, enter delivery address below: No

3. Service Type
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4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) Yes

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NOTICE OF VIOLATION

ROBERT OR TERRIE BRYCE
8031 SE MALDEN ST.
PORTLAND, OR 97206

As person(s) responsible for the use or condition of the following premises: taxlot: 1N 12E 18 1700 located in the National Scenic Area, in Wasco County, Oregon, you are hereby warned, as of this date, that the following condition(s) or use(s) exist on the described premises which are in violation of the Wasco County Code Compliance and Nuisance Abatement Ordinance¹.

1) ILLEGAL DWELLINGS AND STRUCTURES (WCCCNA 2.090-A,B)

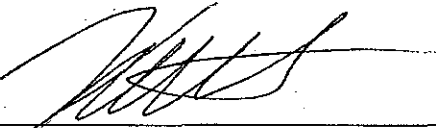
You have 15 days (June 12, 2009) to:

1. Appeal this Notice in writing or
2. Remedy the violation or
3. Call the Code Compliance Officer to work out an abatement plan

Failure to respond to this Notice will result in the following:

1. Flag the property to alert: Lending Institutions, Real Estate Agents, etc
2. Issuance of an Order to Correct
3. Monetary penalties assessed
4. County enforced abatement
5. Lien against the property for penalties, abatement costs and County charges
6. Recorded Notice of Violation with County Clerk against the property

Dated this Thursday, May 28, 2009, at The Dalles, Oregon
Wasco County Code Compliance Office



Keith
Wasco County Code Compliance

¹ Access online at: http://co.wasco.or.us/planning/Code_ord.html

WASCO COUNTY PLANNING
AND DEVELOPMENT
Todd R. Cornett, Director
2705 East Second Street
The Dalles, Oregon 97058



Phone: (541) 506-2560
Fax: (541) 506-2561
<http://co.wasco.or.us/index.html>

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

APPLICANT: Keith Cleveland
FILE: BRYCE FILE

I, Keith Cleveland, do hereby swear that on the 28TH day of MAY, 2009, I was the Code Compliance Officer for the County of Wasco, State of Oregon, and I caused to be mailed to ROBERT AND TERRIE BRYCE (8031 SE MALDEN ST, PORTLAND) on the above mentioned date a copy of NOTICE OF VIOLATION, dated May 28, 2009, and Attachments (if any) as follows:

Signature: _____

State of Oregon)
County of Wasco)

Signed and sworn to me on May 28, 2009, by

KEITH CLEVELAND.

(Notary Signature)

(Title)





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ORDER TO CORRECT

ROBERT OR TERRIE BRYCE
8031 SE MALDEN ST
PORTLAND, OR 97206

As person(s) responsible for the use or condition of the following premises: 1N 12E 18 1700 located in the National Scenic Area in Wasco County, Oregon, you are hereby warned, as of this date, that the following condition(s) or use(s) exist on the described premises which are in violation of the Wasco County Code Compliance Nuisance Abatement Ordinance¹.

- 1) ILLEGAL DWELLING (WCCNA Section 2.090-A, B)

You have 15 days (June 30, 2009) to:

1. Appeal this Notice in writing or
2. Remove the violation or
3. Call the Code Compliance Officer to work out an abatement plan

Failure to respond to this Notice will result in the following:

1. Flag the property to alert: Lending Institutions, Real Estate Agents (DONE)
2. Record Notice of Violation with County Clerk against property deed (NEXT)
3. Issuance of Notice of Failure to Comply/Administrative Civil Penalties
4. Monetary penalties assessed
5. County enforced abatement
6. Lien against the property for penalties, abatement costs and County charges

**Dated this Monday, June 15, 2009, at The Dalles, Oregon
Wasco County Code Compliance Office**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Keith", written over a horizontal line.

Keith
Wasco County Code Compliance

¹ Access online at: <http://co.wasco.or.us/planning/nsaordinance.html>

WASCO COUNTY PLANNING
AND DEVELOPMENT
Todd R. Cornett, Director
2705 East Second Street
The Dalles, Oregon 97058




Phone: (541) 506-2560
Fax: (541) 506-2561
<http://co.wasco.or.us/index.html>

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

APPLICANT: Keith Cleveland
FILE: BRYCE FILE

I, Keith Cleveland, do hereby swear that on the 15TH day of JUNE, 2009, I was the Code Compliance Officer for the County of Wasco, State of Oregon, and I caused to be mailed to ROBERT OR TERRIE BRYCE (8031 SE MALDEN ST.) on the above mentioned date a copy of ORDER TO CORRECT, dated June 15, 2009, and Attachments (if any) as follows:

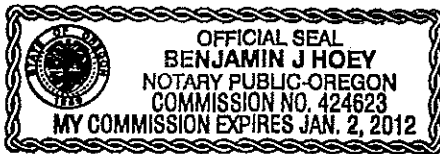
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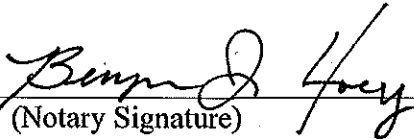
State of Oregon)

County of Wasco)

Signed and sworn to me on June 15, 2009 by

KEITH CLEVELAND.




(Notary Signature)

Notary Public
(Title)



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NOTICE OF FAILURE TO COMPLY/ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL PENALTIES

ROBERT OR TERRIE BRYCE
8031 SE MALDEN ST
PORTLAND, OR 97206
RE: CODENF-09-07-0004

As person(s) responsible for the use or condition of the following premises: 1N 12E 18 1700 located in Wasco County, Oregon, you are hereby warned, as of this date, that the following condition(s) or use(s) exist on the described premises which are in violation of the Wasco County Code Compliance Nuisance Abatement Ordinance¹.

1) ILLEGAL DWELLING and STRUCTURES (WCCNA Section 2.090.A, B)

You have 15 days (October 14, 2009) to:

1. Appeal this Notice in writing or
2. Remove the violation or
3. Call the Code Compliance Officer to work out an abatement plan

Failure to respond to this Notice will result in the following:

1. Flag the property to alert: Lending Institutions, Real Estate Agents, etc
(DONE)
2. Recorded Notice of Violation with County Clerk against the property (Oct 15)
Please understand, this records the violation on the property deed which will then be part of the record for potential buyers, lending institutions, etc. to view.

Dated this Tuesday, September 29, 2009, at The Dalles, Oregon

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Keith
Wasco County Code Compliance

¹ Access online at: <http://co.wasco.or.us/planning/nsaordinance.html>

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AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

APPLICANT: Keith Cleveland
FILE: CODENF-09-07-0004

I, Keith Cleveland, do hereby swear that on the 29TH day of SEPTEMBER 2009, I was the Code Compliance Officer for the County of Wasco, State of Oregon, and I caused to be mailed to ROBERT AND TERRIE BRYCE (8031 SE MALDEN ST, PORTLAND) on the above mentioned date a copy of NOTICE OF FAILURE TO COMPLY/ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL PENALTIES, dated September 29, 2009, and Attachments (if any) as follows:

Signature: _____

State of Oregon)

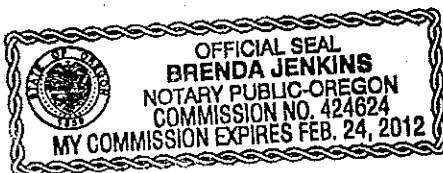
County of Wasco)

Signed and sworn to me on September 29, 2009, by

KEITH CLEVELAND.

(Notary Signature)

(Title)

Notary Public



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NOTICE OF HEARINGS OFFICER REVIEW OF ENFORCEMENT ACTION

November 2, 2009

ROBERT OR TERRIE BRYCE
8031 SE MALDEN ST
PORTLAND, OR 97206
RE: CODENF-09-07-0004

The Hearings Officers will be reviewing the following enforcement action:

Recording a Notice of Violation against the following property: 1N 12E 18 1700

Date: December 16

Time: 10:00am

Location Wasco County Courthouse, Rm 202, 511 Washington, the Dalles, OR

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Keith
Wasco County Code Compliance
541-506-2560

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Todd R. Cornett, Director
2705 East Second Street
The Dalles, Oregon 97058



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<http://co.wasco.or.us/index.html>

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

APPLICANT: Keith Cleveland
FILE: CODENF-09-07-0004

I, Keith Cleveland, do hereby swear that on the 2nd day of NOVEMBER, 2009, I was the Code Compliance Officer for the County of Wasco, State of Oregon, and I caused to be mailed to ROBERT OR TERRIE BRYCE (8031 SE MALDEN ST) on the above mentioned date a copy of NOTICE OF HEARINGS OFFICER REVIEW OF ENFORCEMENT ACTION, dated November 2, 2009, and Attachments (if any) as follows:

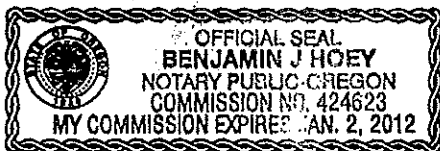
Signature: _____

State of Oregon)

County of Wasco)

Signed and affirmed to me on November 2, 2009 by

KEITH CLEVELAND.



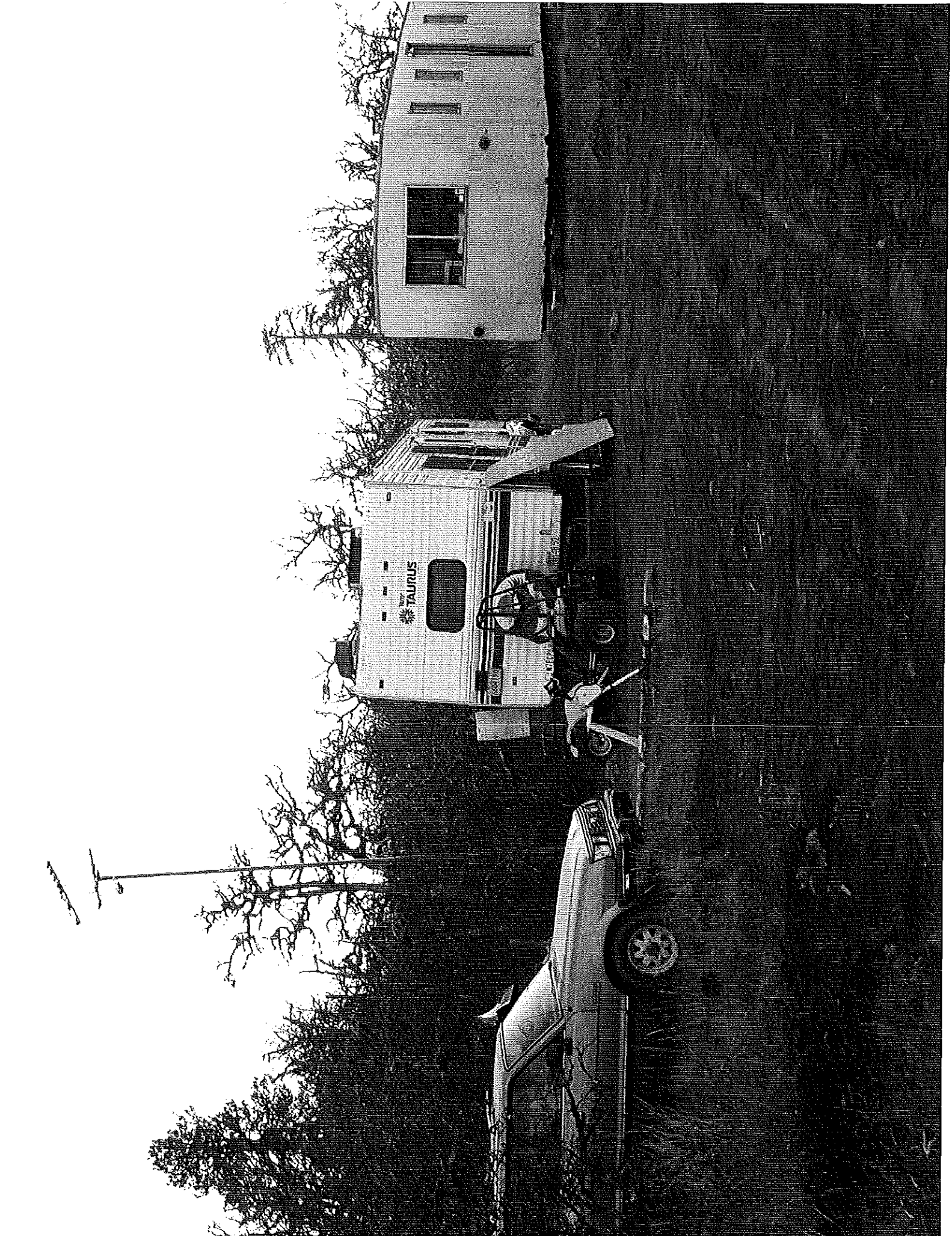
Benjamin J. Hoey

(Notary Signature)

Notary Public

(Title)









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RECORDED NOTICE OF VIOLATION

PROPERTY OWNER: **ROBERT R. BRYCE JR. AND TERRIE BRYCE**
FILE #: **CODENF-09-07-0004**

Wasco County has determined that the following violation(s) exists on: IN 12E 18 1700
The East one-half of the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 1 North,
Range 12 East of the Willamette Meridian.

ILLEGAL DWELLING AND STRUCTURES: (WCCNAO¹: SECTION 2.090.A , B)

The property owner was notified and has not resolved this issue. If the violation is not resolved, some or all the following may be pursued by Wasco County:

- >Property placed on hold with the Planning Department
- >Assessment of monetary penalties
- >County Abatement of violation at owner's expense
- >Property lien to recover all County charges and penalties

Dated this Wednesday, December 16th, 2009, at The Dalles, Oregon

HEARINGS OFFICERS:

DAN ERICKSEN: COUNTY JUDGE

SHERRY HOLLIDAY: COUNTY COMMISSIONER

BILL LENNOX: COUNTY COMMISSIONER

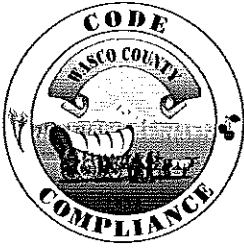
SPACE ABOVE RESERVED FOR RECORDER'S USE

¹ Wasco County Code Compliance and Nuisance Abatement Ordinance

Please return this original document to: The Commissioner's Journal

Notary Public – State of Oregon My Commission expires: _____, 20____

State of Oregon, County of Wasco County
This instrument was acknowledged before me on _____ 20____ by:



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HEARINGS OFFICER ORDER #09-221

ROBERT OR TERRIE BRYCE
8031 SE MALDEN ST
PORTLAND, OR 97206

RE: CODENF-09-07-0004

This Notice references the use or condition of the following premises: Township 1 North, Range 12 E, Section 18, Tax Lot 1700 located in Wasco County, Oregon, which is in violation of the Wasco County Code Compliance Nuisance Abatement Ordinance¹ due to:

- 1) ILLEGAL DWELLING AND STRUCTURES (WCCCNA Section 2.090.A, B)

The following was affirmed by the Hearings Officers on December 16, 2009:

1. The violation(s) is valid as stated in the NOTICE OF FAILURE TO COMPLY/ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL PENALTIES sent to Robert or Terrie Bryce on September 29, 2009.
2. A **Notice of Violation** (copy attached) will be recorded with the Wasco County Clerk on the deed to the property noted above.

Dated this 16th day of December, 2009, at The Dalles, Oregon.

Wasco County Code Compliance Hearings Officers

Dan Ericksen, Wasco County Judge

Sherry Holliday, Wasco County Commissioner

Bill Lennox, Wasco County Commissioner

¹ Access online at: http://co.wasco.or.us/planning/Code_ord.html

Illegal Structure Worksheet

DATE: 8/27/09
 OWNER NAME: ROBERT BRYCE
 TAXLOT#: 1N 12E 18 1700
 RE: CODENF-09-07-0004

NOTES: The first step in all illegal structure enforcements will be to try to permit the structure--if possible--under Wasco County LUDO or NSA LUDO
 Single, non-NSA, unpermissible, storage-only structures that are ≤200 sq ft AND ≤10' height MAY receive only a Planning Department hold depending on when it was built, its impact on the area, and other applicable criteria

Criteria	pts value	PTS	Consequences		
Placed by Previous Owner					
YES w/evidence of misinformation	1		PTS	Consequence Level	
YES w/o evidence of misinformation	2		1 to 10	On-hold, NOV recorded	No planning dept applications until remedied; NOV
NO; w/o evidence owner knew it would be illegal	4	4	11 to 17	Fine	Up to value of structure; lien an option
NO; w/evidence owner knew it would be illegal	7		18 or more	Lien, County abatement	Fine and Abatement cost liened against property
Years structure has been in place					
>20	1				
10 to 20	2	3			
<10	3				
Use					
Storage only	1				
Evidence of occasional use <u>AND</u> w/o "creep"	2	5			
Evidence of regular use OR with "creep"	5				
Size					
≤ 200 sq ft <u>AND</u> ≤10' HEIGHT	0				
> 200 sq ft <u>OR</u> >10' HEIGHT	3	3			
Impact					
Sewage (septic tank or pit toilet w/o permit)	5				unsure of septic
Fire risk (Chap 10 LUDO, Chap 11 NSA LUDO)	5	5			wood stove
Natural Resources (rivers, wildlife, etc.)	5				
Located in NSA	3				
Unsightliness, visually evident	3	5			very obvious
	TOTAL	25			

Rec'd 12/16/09

SENDING NOTICE OF HEARINGS OFFICER REVIEW

Before discussing options it should be noted that the WCCCNAO does not require any notice to be sent to the owner when there is a Hearings Officer review of code compliance actions. The owner has the opportunity to appeal any code compliance action or decision by requesting an appeal hearing (\$100 fee).

Three options:

1. Notify the owner of the specific date/time/place whenever there is a HO review of a CCO action

Pros: Allows the owner to voice their opinion, present evidence

Cons: May cause impromptu hearing: How will it be run? *As an appeals hearing? Will this be a "free" appeals hearing?*

2. Amend current compliance form to include a general statement of the pending review and of their ability to attend.

Example:

**If this notice is not appealed it will be submitted to the Hearings Officers for their review. The date and location of the review will be made available upon request.*

Pros: gives the owner notification of procedure and their ability to attend w/o giving details

Cons: could possibly cause an impromptu appeal hearing if acted on (see #1)

3. Amend current compliance form to include a general statement of the pending review:

Example:

**If this notice is not appealed it will be submitted to the Hearings Officers for their review.*

Pros: gives the owner notice of what will happen procedurally

Cons:

**Wasco County
Code Compliance
Payment Plan Options
7 December 2009**

Problem Statement: Some property owners who have a land use violation have the ability to legalize the violation by going through an application process. However, some of these property owners may not have the financial means to pay the cost of an application right away. Implementing a payment plan system would be a way to assist these property owners.

Payment Plan Pros:

- We are working with the violator trying to achieve voluntary compliance which is the primary goal of this program.
- For those whose circumstances make it difficult to save the full amount, this provides them a real and feasible opportunity.
- It makes them financially invested in the application and fixing the violation once they have started making payments.

Option 1: Submitting installments prior to submitting an application. This is not recommended because it would come in under Misc. Land Use permits and not be tied to an actual permit. We would need to create a spreadsheet or database to track it and it would be very difficult to rectify the accounts when the full payment came in.

Option 2: Submit first installment at the time the application is submitted. This creates some difficulty but can be done by creating different receipts within the permit. The Billing portion of the permit module may also be able to be used. This would need to be further researched. Would not be considered a real application and no work would be done until full payments received. This would not violate the 150 day clock because the application is not complete until full payments are received.

Additional Things to Think About If This is Done

- Although there may be some concern about fairness and equity, it should be an option for enforcements only and not opened up for all land use applications.
- It should only be an option for enforcements that appear to be eligible for approval under current ordinances.
- If fees change during the payment plan they should be made to pay the fee as it exists on the date of the last payment and not the first payment. Applicants would be made aware of this at the outset of the payment plan.

Payment Plan Cons:

- Financial and Accounting issues.
 - Can EDEN accommodate a payment plan?
 - How will the payments be accounted for in Eden?
 - If the person has difficulty saving the required amount of money they may never be in a position to submit an application. What do we do with the money submitted if we decide to move forward with the enforcement because they are not making scheduled payments?

- EDEN Permitting issues: Fees are tied to permits. It will be possible but difficult to create a work around to tie multiple payments to a permit. See Option 1 above.

- Creates extra work and complications for staff.

- This could be used as a stalling technique rather than a permitting option.

Alternative: Rather than working with them on a payment plan, Keith could set up a time frame within which they would be required to submit the full fee and application. He could send out reminders on a monthly or every other month schedule reminding them of how much time they have to submit. If they fail to submit within that time frame the next level of action would be taken.

This does not help those who will have difficulty pulling together the full payment amount. It also creates extra work for Keith but probably less than the amount of work it will take to take payments.

Rec'd
12/16/09
Exhibit H

December 16, 2009

Sometimes you have to do what you don't like, but you have to tell it like it is. Today is one of those times because I don't like airing the dirty laundry in public, but here I am.

Right now we have in Mosier three entities in the fire protection system. One is the Rural Fire Protection District. They have taxing authority. The second is the City of Mosier. They also have taxing authority. The last leg of this triangle is the Mosier Volunteer firemen. They do not have taxing authority. The City buys fire equipment with their tax money, the Rural buys fire equipment with their tax money, and the Volunteers use the equipment to put out the fires.

Sometimes one taxing authority purchases more equipment than the other and puts a stipulation on the firemen that it cannot be used to put out the fire in the other taxing area. What a mess that creates. Let's fix the system by having one district that takes care of all business.

W.B. Reeves, Rural Board Member

Mayor Andrea Rogers
Council President Allan Rodrick,
Councilors:
Peny Wallace
Kathy Fitzpatrick,
David Princehouse
Tim Mortenson
Rae Jackson

City of Mosier Exhibit I
P.O. Box 456 Mosier, OR 97040
541-478-3505 541-478-3810 (fax)
mosiercityhall@mosierwinet.com

December 11, 2009

Wasco County Court

RE: Mosier Fire District formation

To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Mosier has taken steps to show its support of formation of a Fire District, which includes the City in its boundaries, through public processes.

The City representatives have attended the forums which explained the cost, need, boundaries, and formation procedures. The City representatives have included this information under City Business on the agendas for months; allowing citizens to voice their concerns through discussion. The Council deliberated in open forum and considered a Resolution in support.

The City Council unanimously passed a Resolution (#2009-10) consenting to the dissolution of the Mosier Rural Fire Protection District, the formation of a New District which includes the City within its boundaries.

The Mosier City Council believes the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Mosier and the larger unincorporated Mosier area requires an adequate level of fire protection services, and the District's current proposal is designed to provide that level of fire protection.

We ask the Court to enter and Order for an election for the formation of the Mosier Fire District, for election of members of the District Board, and for the establishment of a permanent property tax rate of Two Dollars Ten Cents (\$2.10) per One Thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars of assessed valuation.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter,

The Mosier City Council

Andrea Rogers
Mayor of Mosier
Allan Rodrick
President Mosier City Council

Allan Rodrick

Exhibit J

From: City of Mosier [mosiercityhall@mosierwinet.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2009 12:51 PM
To: Tracy Hornung; 'Dan Kearns'; Darrell Roberts ; deborah mazzoleni; 'Dotty DeVaney'; Dwaine Blanchard; 'Hood River news'; 'Jervey'; Jim Appleton ; Ken Hudson; Marc Berry ; 'Matthew Koerner'; 'Peter Shames'; 'Sheriff Elesland'; Susan Conklin; 'Tim Mortenson'; 'Barbara Ayers'; 'Bill Lennox'; 'Carol Rodrick'; 'Celyne Camen'; 'David Povey'; 'David Princehouse'; 'E. King'; 'Hollie Lund'; 'Jerry Gabay'; 'John Grim'; 'K. Gray'; 'Kirby Neumann-Rae'; 'Owen Minnick'; 'Phil Swaim'; 'R. Nichols'; 'Rae Jackson'; 'Peny Wallace'; 'Alan Rodrick'; Andrea Rogers; 'Kathy Fitzpatrick'
Subject: FW:

*Mailed in July to urban & rural Mosier
650+ residents*

MOSIER FIRE -- PUBLIC MEETINGS JULY 18 and JULY 23

Mosier Fire Chief Jim Appleton will hold two public meetings to present the case for a new fire district, and to hear and answer your questions and comments on the new district.

The first meeting is Saturday, July 18, at Noon, in the Grange meeting hall (Oregon Street at Fourth Ave.).

The second meeting is Thursday, July 23, at 6:30 PM, also at the Grange.

These are public meetings, and all are welcome at either event. The same material will be presented both times, with the intent that an interested person need only attend one of the two meetings. If there is a clear need for further meetings, we'll schedule accordingly for dates in August. Otherwise, we'll start preparing petitions and getting ready to put the new district to a vote in May, 2010. You can leave questions and comments at 541.478.3333, or mosierfire@gmail.com if you will be unable to attend either of the July meetings.

MAILER: Please watch for a bulk mailer after the July Fourth holiday, setting out a proposed budget and overview of the proposed new district. We're mailing to everyone in the zipcode, even though some addresses are outside the proposed new district. The mailer will include a map of the district boundary, to aid in determining if you're in or out.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? phone us at 541.478.3333, or email mosierfire@gmail.com

WHY A NEW DISTRICT? Mosier needs a new fire district for two reasons: first, to ease the confusion of having three separate entities with overlapping and cumbersome bureaucracy, and second to raise the permanent tax rate.

Most of us probably aren't aware of the first issue, but it affects just about everything Mosier Fire does -- why is "our" gas in "your" truck? That's the last thing you want to hear if a grass fire is bearing down on your house. We need to consolidate all administration and operations under one authority and one budget. Of all the available options for accomplishing that goal, formation of a new district is straightforward and left up to you, the voter.

The second issue may get your attention. Right now, Mosier Fire protects an area of about 23 square miles, on a total budget of about \$39,000 per year. That's simply not enough money to run our fire department effectively. The level of training and preparedness required by today's laws bears no resemblance to that of forty years ago, when our tax rates were set. Nor does the location and value of development in our district resemble that of forty years ago. We respond faster to a much wider area than the early Mosier District Zone Two and Mosier Rural departments. We need at long last to invest in a full-time position to manage the department, and to pay for modest incentives for our volunteers, such as life insurance, compensated training time, and better training instruction. Without these modest improvements, Mosier Fire will continue to see a high rate of burnout and, ultimately, deteriorating service to you, our customer.

WILL THE BOUNDARY OF THE NEW DISTRICT CHANGE?

Probably not -- other than including the City in the existing RFPD boundary. We've looked at adding sections to include Mosier Creek to the gate, Osbourne Cutoff, and Vensel Road. We have serious response-time and radio coverage issues in these areas, insufficient for us to assume liability for paid protection. Never the less, this item is open for discussion at the public meetings, and if anyone has input, we'd like to hear from you.

We'd especially like to know actual quotes for how your property insurance would be affected by being in or out of a fire district.

WILL MY TAXES GO UP?

Yes.

The reason Mosier Fire's budget is so poor is that we're locked in to a pair of permanent tax rates which make no sense today, whatever the reason our tax rates were adopted and modified since 1966.

If you live in the Mosier Rural Fire Protection District, right now you pay us 47.7 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value on your property.

If you live in the City of Mosier, your total City tax bill is \$1.10 per thousand, and the amount budgeted to fire protection works out to about the same as the RFPD's 47.7 cents.

We think a new Mosier Fire Protection District should have a permanent tax rate of \$1.65 district-wide, for both City and rural customers. That nets about \$150,000 per year in today's dollars -- not a fortune, but enough to hire a qualified person to manage the department. The new tax rate compares to \$2.10 per thousand in The Dalles, \$2.34 in Juniper Flat, \$1.55 in Dee.

If you live in the RFPD, a property assessed at \$75,000 currently pays \$36 in tax to the RFPD. That would go up to \$124 in a new district. Likewise, a property assessed at \$600,000 in the RFPD currently pays \$286 in tax to the RFPD, and that would go up to \$990.

If you live in the City, a Fire District tax would be separate from the City levy. What to do with the portion of the City levy formerly allotted to fire protection will be up to City Council.

That's a lot to ask of our friends and neighbors, even in better economic times. It simply must be done, though, and the longer we put it off the greater the risk to everyone in our community.

HOW CAN I HELP?

Let us know you're interested, and we'll put you to work. We'll especially need help this fall when we send out petitions. See Chief Appleton after the public meetings, or call or email. 541.478.3333, mosierfire@gamil.com

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CITY OF MOSIER

AGENDA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING *Executive Session*

**ORS 192.660 (2) (i) Performance Evaluations of Public Officers and Employees
September 2, 2009 no earlier than 7:00 P.M.**

MOSIER CREEK TERRACE *Council meeting continued immediately following Executive Session*

- I. Call to Order (please silence or turn-off cell phones)
- II. Agenda corrections or additions
- III. Business from the Audience (only items not on the agenda)
- IV. Business
Executive Session ORS 192.660 (2) (i) Perf. Eval. of Public Officers and Employees
 1. Intergovernmental Agreement: Rural and City Fire District
 2. Special City Allotment program/Road Committee report
 3. Recycling container relocated??????
- V. Consent Agenda
 1. Approval of Minutes August 5, 2009
 2. Review/Approve Bills
- VI. Committee Reports
 1. Sign committee
 2. Cemetery committee
 3. Park committee
 4. Public Art committee
- VII. Correspondence-REMINDER: Second meeting in Sept. scheduled for Sept. 23rd
- VIII. Adjournment

Upcoming Events: Hazardous Waste Collection Event: Saturday October 17, 10am-2pm at Mosier Community School, Meeting date change for second meeting of Mosier City Council to Sept. 23rd.

Note: All public meeting locations are handicapped accessible. Please let the City Recorder know if you will need any special accommodations to attend any meeting. Call (541) 478-3505 for more information. Oregon Relay Service 1 800 735 2900

CITY OF MOSIER

AGENDA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING September 23, 2009 no earlier than 7:00 P.M.

MOSIER CREEK TERRACE

- I. Call to Order (please silence or turn-off cell phones)
- II. Agenda corrections or additions
- III. Business from the Audience (only items not on the agenda)
- IV. Business
 1. Sign committee list
 2. Web Site design update
 3. Main Street Mosier vision statement presentation
 4. Intergovernmental Agreement; Fire District preparation
 5. Committees meeting
- V. Consent Agenda
 1. Approval of Minutes September 2, 2009
 2. Review/Approve Bills
- VI. Committee Reports
 1. Sign committee
 2. Cemetery committee
 3. Park committee
 4. Public Art committee
- VII. Correspondence
- VIII. Adjournment

Upcoming Events: Household Hazardous Waste Collection: Saturday October 17th at Mosier Community School

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CITY OF MOSIER

AGENDA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING October 7, 2009 no earlier than 7:00 P.M.

MOSIER CREEK TERRACE

- I. Call to Order (please silence or turn-off cell phones)
- II. Agenda corrections or additions
- III. Business from the Audience (only items not on the agenda)
- IV. Consent Agenda
 1. Approval of Minutes September 23, 2009
 2. Review/Approve Bills
 3. Resolution 2009-11 – Supplemental budget
 4. DLCD Planning Assistance Grant; allow the Mayor to sign the documents
- V. Business
 1. Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA); Fire District creation DRAFT
 2. Web Site design update
 3. MSM vision survey results; staff recommendation for inclusion in Mosier Comprehensive Plan
- VI. Committee Reports
 1. Cemetery committee
 2. Park committee
 3. Public Art committee
- VII. Correspondence
- VIII. Adjournment

Upcoming Events: Saturday October 17th – Household Hazardous Waste Collection event: 10am-2pm

Note: All public meeting locations are handicapped accessible. Please let the City Recorder know if you will need any special accommodations to attend any meeting. Call (541) 478-3505 for more information. Oregon Relay Service 1 800 735 2900

City of Mosier

September/October 2009 Newsletter

WARNING! WARNING!

Use it correctly or lose it. We are in jeopardy of losing a valuable resource due to trash and abuse. We are talking about the Recycling Container available to the citizens who need it. Please use the curbside recycling, available every other week, during regular garbage pick up. Recycle bins for curbside pick up are available free at The Dalles Disposal 541-298-5149. Mark your calendars for the days of pick up. Recognize if the container is full and do not pile more outside of it. It is emptied every Friday. It has been moved back to the Rock Creek location.

*******Be sure to give a shout out of thanks*******

**to the Volunteer City/Rural Fire Department for a job well done
and the commitment they make to your community.**


**Consider becoming a volunteer and call 541-478-3333; there are
lots of ways to get involved.**

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Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events

October 17th Mosier Community School 10:00am – 2:00pm

Call your local garbage service for more information regarding these events.

 At the meeting on September 2nd the Mosier City Council adopted a Resolution to include the City within the boundary of a proposed new Fire District and supported formation of that district with inclusion of the City within that district. If you want to know more about this call 541-478-3333 and leave a message. Someone will get back to you.

**Oregon and Washington Investment Board
Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Economic Development**

Community Request

The Oregon and Washington Investment Boards are seeking authorization in an amount of \$12.5 million each for economic development loans and grants. In the years since the initial authorization, the cost of job creation and infrastructure development has risen substantially, making it important to increase funding to sustain the Board's effort to support economic development. The Boards are further requesting appropriation of the remaining funds authorized: \$1.8 million, to be divided evenly between the Boards.

Overview

In 1986, the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act established a bi-state, six-county region in the states of Oregon and Washington. In conjunction with this Act, Congress earmarked Oregon and Washington \$5 million each for the purpose of making economic development loans and grants. The establishment of the Scenic Area resulted in unique needs and approaches to economic development, restricting some of the traditional approaches to economic development. As such, the Act included both resource protection and economic goals. Funding to the Investment Boards would recognize the importance to balance both resource protection and economic vitality in the National Scenic Area. Both Oregon and Washington Investment Boards have a **proven track record for job creation and investments** that result in long-term economic impact.

Community Impact

Project funding helps to *strengthen and diversify the economy* of the region. The Boards approve projects and the Gorge Commission certifies that projects are consistent with the National Scenic Act, the management plan and land use ordinances.

Sustained Impact. To date, the Oregon and Washington Investment Board have each received four appropriations totaling \$4,001,750. The Oregon and Washington Investment Boards have approved grants and loans (by utilizing revolved funds) totaling more than \$11 million.

Public and Private Leveraging. The Boards have leveraged over \$10 million private and nearly \$11 million in public funds.

Job Creation/Retention. Funds will be provided through grants and loans to support infrastructure, business assistance, and workforce development to support job creation and retention. The Boards have provided funding to projects to directly create or retain over 500 jobs. The number of jobs created will continue to increase as the funds are revolved into new grants and loans.

Contact Information

For additional information contact Amanda Remington, Executive Director, Mid-Columbia Economic Development District at 541-296-2266 or amanda@mcedd.org.

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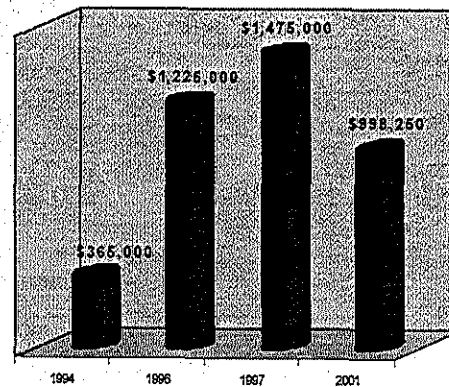


The Boards provided funding to develop a mobile market through the Gorge Grown Food Network.

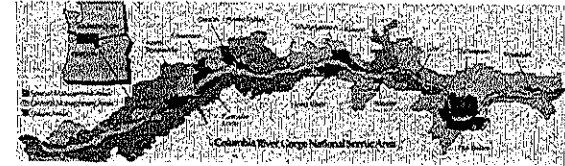
Community Request

The Oregon and Washington Investment Boards are *seeking authorization in an amount of \$12.5 million* each for economic development loans and grants. Since the National Scenic Act, as enacted by Congress, authorizes special funds to promote the economic health of the 13 Gorge urban areas, a new infusion of federal funds is urgently needed to capitalize on the interest of new and developing business.

National Scenic Area Congressional Funding



Timeline



**Oregon and
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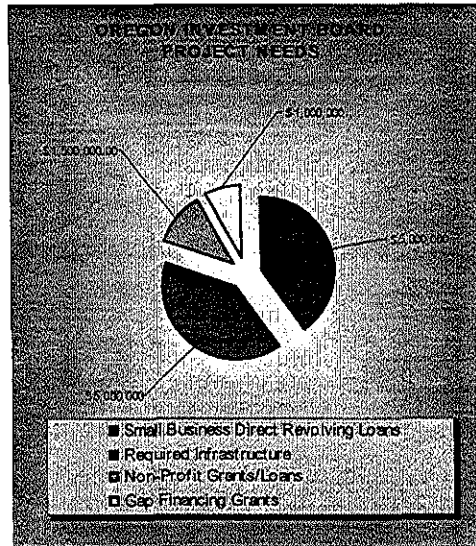
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Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Economic Development

Community Request

The Oregon and Washington Investment Boards (OIB and WIB) are **seeking authorization and appropriation of \$12.5 million** for recapitalization of our revolving loan funds. These funds support infrastructure and small business investment in our rural, economically challenged area.



Community Impact

Sustained Impact

The Boards have received four appropriations totaling approximately \$8 million and have approved grants and loans, by utilizing revolved funds, totaling more than \$10 million.



With OIB funding, the City of The Dalles underpass project opened a new avenue for business development at the Port, now home to Google, Insitu and other businesses.

Job Creation/Retention

The Boards investments in have directly resulted in the **creation or retention of one over 700 jobs**. Through wise use of funds we have generated sustained economic stimulus in rural communities

Funding awarded through the OIB helps to **strengthen and diversify the economy** of the region.

Public/Private Leveraging

Projects receiving funding through the Investment Boards have **leveraged non-federal contributions of over \$30 million in private and public funds**. We provide gap financing to make projects happen.



Port of Skamania received WIB funding to remodel the Tichenor Building, a waterfront facility on the Columbia River Gorge. This is a critical asset for the Port's capacity and business development efforts.